

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the due consideration given the application.

Claims 24-40 and 47 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended to improve the language in a non-narrowing fashion. Claim 27 has been amended to improve the language in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation.

No new matter is believed to be added to the application by this amendment.

Rejection Under 35 USC §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 26-30 have been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Official Action asserts that the term "solvent mixture" in claim 27 does not have sufficient antecedent basis. However, claim 27 has been amended to recite "solvent" in accordance with the Examiner's recommendation.

This rejection is believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Art Rejections

Claims 24-36, 40 and 47 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over KIERULFF et al. (U.S. Patent 6,,298,859) in view of WOCHNOWSKI et al. (U.S. Patent 3,265,209).

Claims 37-39 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over KIERULFF et al. in view of WOCHNOWSKI et al., and further in view of CLAPP et al. (U.S. Patent 4,941,484).

These rejections remain respectfully traversed.

The deficiencies of these rejections have been made of record in the application which, for brevity, will not be repeated here. These deficiencies will be more fully explored in the appeal brief.

It is therefore applicant's position that one of ordinary skill and creativity would not produce a claimed embodiment of the present invention from a knowledge of the applied art references. A *prima facie* case of unpatentability has thus not been made. Also, the unexpected results of the present invention would fully rebut any unpatentability that could be alleged.

These rejections are believed to be overcome, and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Prior art of record but not utilized is believed to be non-pertinent to the instant claims.

As no issues remain, the issuance of a Notice of Allowability is respectfully solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any

overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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